

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

Green Team Minutes

September 14, 2017

The August 10, 2017 Green Team meeting was cancelled.

The September 14, 2017 Green Team meeting was held at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J.

Present : Connie Andershonis, Robert Jewell and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Dawn Smith, Heather Hamilton and Michael Misertino

Town-Wide Yard Sale: The town-wide yard sale is scheduled for April 27, 28, & 29, 2018.

Reusable Bag Education Program: The Township ordered and received 500 insulated grocery totes. Eco-Grocery Bags were also ordered, however they were out of stock.

Carbon Footprint: Mrs. Fascenelli provided the 4 missing bills that Mrs. Andershonis requested. Mrs. Andershonis will contact Mr. Proefrock regarding scheduling time to input information on the carbon footprint.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Township hired Donnelly Energy (Direct Install) to upgrade the lighting and furnace in the municipal building.

Community Asset Mapping: Mrs. Andershonis started to input information on the map. She will have a draft for review for the November Green Team meeting.

Mrs. Fascenelli advised that Sustainable Jersey's Annual Luncheon will be held on November 14, 2017 in Atlantic City if any member wishes to attend.

Mrs. Fascenelli and the Township Clerk are investigating a 2017 Sustainable Jersey Small Grant for Energy Projects funded by Gardinier Environmental. They will see if the furnace (municipal building) and A/C (department of public works) would qualify for this grant.

Mrs. Fascenelli received information from a company that provides Free Solar 101 Educational Seminars. She will keep the information on file for possible future use.

Mrs. Andershonis stated the Green Team is doing well on points for recertification and will have a report for the November Green Team meeting.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated the Board of Chosen Freeholders will entertain a resolution at their September 27, 2017 meeting to amend the Warren County Solid Waste Management Plan to provide for the expansion of the Warren County District Landfill. Due to expanding the existing footprint and finalizing engineering plans the life of the landfill should be extended to 2061.

Mrs. Andershonis advised EDAC will compile information from their survey at the end September.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that several birdhouses, tree identification signs and workout station signs at the Park trail were vandalized. The Green Team members expressed their concerns and disappointment. Mrs. Andershonis said a lot of work went into obtaining the materials and building the birdhouses.

Mrs. Andershonis heard on WRNJ radio another municipality's mayor requesting volunteers for open positions within his township.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

October 21, 2017 – Free Town Wide Paper shredding Event from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – 1710 Rt. 57.

November 18, 2017 – Electronic waste, scrap metal, large rigid plastics & mercury switch thermostats collection event from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm – 1710 Rt. 57.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli